

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The following is a complete listing of the claims.

1. (Currently amended) A connector, comprising:

a connector body;

a latch attached to the connector body, the latch ~~being capable of coupling~~  
which can couple with a receptacle, the latch further comprising at  
least one tab attached to at least one side of the latch;

a latch pull movably engaged with the connector body, wherein the latch  
pull comprises a cavity and at least one inclined plane within the  
cavity;

wherein the inclined plane is slidable against the latch; and

wherein moving the latch pull relative to the connector body causes at  
least one inclined plane to slide against at least one tab, thus  
moving the latch to a position that decouples the latch from the  
receptacle.

2. (Currently amended) The connector of claim 1, wherein the ~~latch pull has a cavity~~  
~~is capable of at least partially enclosing the latch and at least one inclined plane~~  
~~(114) that is slidable against the latch.~~

3. (Original) The connector of claim 1, wherein the latch pull is engaged with the  
connector body so as to allow the latch pull to slide over at least a portion of the  
connector body.

4. (Original) The connector of claim 1, wherein moving the latch pull relative to the connector body causes at least one inclined plane to slide against the latch, thus moving the latch to a position that decouples the latch from the receptacle.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently amended) The connector of claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, wherein moving the latch pull away from the receptacle causes at least one inclined plane to slide against at least one tab, thus moving the latch to a position that decouples the latch from the receptacle.
7. (Original) The connector of claim 1, wherein the receptacle is designed to receive a conventional fiber optic connector.
8. (Original) The connector of claim 1, wherein the latch comprises a cantilever beam.
9. (Original) The connector of claim 1, wherein the latch is attached to the connector body with a hinging mechanism.
10. (Original) The connector of claim 1, further comprising a strain relief boot affixed to the latch pull.

11. (Original) The connector of claim 10, wherein moving the strain relief boot relative to the connector body forces the latch into a position that decouples the latch from the receptacle.
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Cancelled)
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Currently amended) A connector, comprising:
  - a connector body;
  - a latch pull comprising a cavity and at least one inclined plane within the cavity, wherein the latch pull is movably engaged with the connector body; and
  - a latch attached to the latch pull, the latch further comprising at least one tab attached to at least one side of the latch, wherein the latch is capable of coupling with a receptacle;

wherein moving the latch pull toward the receptacle couples the latch with the receptacle; and

wherein moving the latch pull away from the receptacle causes at least one inclined plane to slide against at least one tab, thus moving the latch to a position that decouples the latch from the receptacle.

18. (Original) The connector of claim 17, wherein the latch pull is engaged with the connector body so as to allow the latch pull to slide over at least a portion of the connector body.
19. (Currently amended) The connector of claim 17, wherein the ~~connector body~~ contains at least one inclined plane is capable of moving the latch into a position that couples the latch with the receptacle as the latch pull is moved toward the receptacle.
20. (Cancelled)
21. (Currently amended) The connector of claim ~~[[20]]~~ 17, wherein moving the latch pull toward the receptacle causes at least one inclined plane to slide against at least one tab, thus moving the latch into a position that couples the latch with the receptacle.
22. (Cancelled)

23. (Original) The connector of claim 17, wherein the latch comprises a cantilever beam.
24. (Original) The connector of claim 17, wherein the latch is attached to the latch pull with a hinge.
25. (Original) The connector of claim 17, further comprising a strain relief boot affixed to the latch pull.
26. (Cancelled)
27. (Cancelled)
28. (Cancelled)
29. (New) The connector of claim 8, wherein the cantilever beam is biased in a downward or upward direction.
30. (New) The connector of claim 23, wherein the cantilever beam is biased in a downward or upward direction.